Effect of Gatt Agreement on Research and Development

617. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CHEMICAL & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after signing of the GATT Agreement, the pipeline of new research products will dry up in the country and the country will be facing a major challenge; and

(b) if so, whether Government plans to take up any urgent measures to encourage R&D efforts, including basic research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) & (b) The Agreement does not, in any way, restrict the opportunities for research and development by the Indian manufacturers to develop new processes for drugs for which patent applications had been filed before 1.1.1995. The Agreement further provides a transition period of 10 years w.e.f. 1.1.1995 to countries like India to delay the application of the provisions on product patent perotection to areas of technology not so protectable in their territories on 1.1.1995.

Various measures have been taken by the Government from time to time to encourage R&D in the pharmaceutical sector. The modifications in the Drug Policy, 1986 announced in September, 1994 outlines further measures to encourage R&D.

Allotment of DDA Houses to Burma Repatriates/Migrants

618. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 629 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th May, 1995 and state:

(a) whether Government have handed over the case of allotment of DDA's houses to Burma repatriates/migrants to CBI, or taken any other corrective measure;

(b) what is the present position of the case;

(c) have the houses sold/transferred in violation of the lease terms been resumed; and

(d) if not, why?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) No, Sir. DDA has reported that no case of violation of terms and conditions of allotment has come to their notice.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.

Controversy on Renewal of Mining Lease In Orissa

619. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether renewal of a mining lease of Chrome Plant at Bamni In Orissa has erupted into a controversy as reported in the 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi dated 13th July, 1995;

(b) if so, the facts of the case; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by

Government against false allegations, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The matter relates to renewal of TISCO's mining lease for Chromite in Jajpur District of Orissa. M/s. TISCO has filed Writ Petitions O.J.C. Nos. 7729 of 1993 and 4701 of 1994 against Orders of the Central Government conveying approval of second renewal of Mining lease for chromite in Sukinda Valley. Aseries of other writ petitions (Nos. 3825, 5422 & 7054 of 1994) were also filed before Orissa High Court by others. The High Court of Orissa disposed of the Writ Petitions filed by M/s. TISCO and others vide its Judgement dated 4th April, 1995, remanding the matter back to the Central Government with specific guidelines for fresh consideration of the entire matter after duly giving an opportunity of hearing to TISCO and other parties in the writ petitions. In pursuance of this direction the Ministry of Mines has constituted a committee for hearing TISCO and other parlies in the writ petitions in accordance with the guidelines given by the High Court of Orissa. TISCO has also filed SLPs in the Supreme Court against the above said judgement dated 4th April, 1995.

Drought Affected ansa in Bihar and Maharashtra

620. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMA CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any areas will be affected drought in Bihar and Maharashtra during the current year;

(b) if so, which are those areas;

(c) instead of taking steps after the drought is actually set in, whether Government would take steps at present in these areas, to alleviate the sufferings of the population; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in view of 'c' above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) As the South-West monsoon, 1995 is still in progress, it is too early at this stage to make any realistic assessment of probable drought conditions in any part of the country, including Bihar and Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) In order to mitigate the long-term impact of droughts, a Drought Prone Areas Programme is being implemented in certain identified blocks, including 54 blocks in Bihar and 74 in Maharashtra.

Central Schemes in Andhra Pradesh for the Development of fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy

621. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various Central, Schemes being implemented in Andhra Pradesh for development of Fisheries, animal Husbandry and Dairy;

(b) the amount allocated during each of the last three years, scheme-wise; and

(c) the target fixed and achievements made during the said period, scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) the details of various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in Andhra Pradesh for development of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairy are given in the statement at Annexure-I. No prior state-wise allocation is made under these